

HEAVY LOSS
IN DOVER, N. H.Six-story Masonic Temple
Burned Today

LOSS PLACED AT \$200,000

One Occupant of Building, Miss Mary
Peaseley, Had Narrow Escape, and
Others Were Awakened by
Firemen.

Dover, N. H., March 29.—The Masonic temple, Dover's largest and best building, was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The loss is placed at \$200,000. The fire was the worst that has visited this city in a number of years and was also one of the hardest with which the local department has ever had to contend.

The fire started in the hardware store of C. L. Jensen on the ground floor of the building and was discovered by Captain Stevens and Policeman Brownell at 1:20 o'clock. It is thought to have started around a turpentine barrel in the rear of the store, as it was here that the fire was first seen.

One lodger, Miss Mary Peaseley, who conducts a business college in the building, had a narrow escape from suffocation and had to be removed from her room in the fourth story by a fireman on a ladder. Miss Peaseley endeavored to escape from the flames by the stairs, but her progress was checked by the flames and she then went to the window and attracted the attention of the firemen, who removed her in safety.

Walter Gage, a clerk employed in the hardware store, performed a daring piece of work by removing a large quantity of dynamite from the store. The explosive was in close proximity to the place where the fire was the fiercest. It was removed to the police station.

The Masonic Temple was a six-story structure and one of the largest buildings in the state. It was built at a cost of \$100,000 in 1892 and was owned by the Masons. The building was of brick outside and wood inside. There have been several fires in the building prior to this one, a blaze three years ago causing a loss of between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

The loss to the building was estimated this morning at over \$100,000. Other heavy losses were C. L. Jensen's hardware store, about \$40,000; Charles A. Faxon, grocer, \$10,000; and Gray Bros., cigar and tobacco, \$5,000. A large portion of the stock of Frank W. Hanson, clothing, was saved, but his loss will be considerable. The loss to the occupants of the office and rooms on the upper floors will be heavy.

SPECTACULAR FIRE.

Drove Hundreds of People From Their Homes.

New York, March 29.—The burning of an immense gas tank of the public service corporation in Hoboken yesterday afternoon drove hundreds of persons from their homes, set fifty girls working in a nearby straw hat factory in a panic and sent a cloud of dense smoke over New York for several hours. The tank, which contained over 4,000,000 cubic feet of gas, adjoining two other tanks of similar size, a fourth tank nearby was filled with naphtha. Working in constant peril of an explosion, Hoboken's entire fire department succeeded in tending the adjoining tanks wetted and cool, while an employee of the company opened an emergency gate and drained the naphtha tank, which had been the source of greater danger. Hobokeners in the vicinity of the tanks within a radius of three blocks of the fire were driven from their homes by the police.

The fire in the big tank finally burned itself out and the distant sides of the holder collapsed. How the fire started is a mystery.

THREE FIREMEN INJURED.

In Paint Store in New York Last Night.

New York, March 29.—In a fire which caused \$15,000 damage in the paint, oil and varnish store of Abraham Brothman, 38 West 28th street last night, three firemen were injured. Two suffered burns from bits of flame which fell down several explosions in the burning store, and one fell from a shed in the rear of the store and sustained a broken ankle. The fire was near several theatres and the noise of the engines working caused some uneasiness among the audiences.

ORIGIN OF FIRE MYSTERY.

Loss Is Estimated at Over \$300,000 in Wyoming.

Grand Encampment, Wyo., March 29.—The great smelting, concentrating and electric and steam power plant of the Penn. Wyoming Copper company, was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday, entailing a loss estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000, partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The plant had been closed down for the winter on account of the deep snow and improvements were under way. Preparations were on foot to resume next month.

BURIED IN BRIDAL GOWN.

Funeral of Murdered Girl and Her Father Held Yesterday.

New York, March 29.—The funeral of Joseph P. Townsend and Miss Fanny Townsend, both of whom met a tragic death on the day of Miss Townsend's wedding Monday afternoon, was held yesterday afternoon. The young woman was buried in the family grave and in her hand was fastened the bouquet she had intended to carry to the altar. The funeral services were simple and brief.

TOO FAST FOR HIM.

Is the Present Generation for William Welch, 106 Years Old.

Claremont, N. H., March 29.—William Welch of East Lemster celebrated his 106th birthday today. When asked what he had to offer to the present generation, he said: "They go too fast for me. I am more like a draft horse while they are regular automobiles. I'll take my goat and come out best in the end, even if I don't see and know so much."

"Why when I was in my prime I always went steady and always was sure of my way, then I came out all right, but these fellows today don't have time to eat, let alone sleep. If they would take more time at their meals, and pass a few hours more in bed, especially at the first part of the night, they could travel even faster than they do today, and not have it take years of the last end of their stay on this earth."

"What made me strong and rugged was the pure fresh air, simple living and regularity at meals. I spent a good many years in the woods, being in the lumber business, and was not the very plainest of food, just jacks, ginger and corn bread, peas, plenty of potatoes and, as I said, the pure air. These fellows are what is destroying the present day people. They need the air and sunshine to put vigor and life into them and less medicine. That is the worst thing you can take. It leaves you worse off than before you took it. I always believed that, and medicine was a stranger to me while I was active and working."

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MYSTERY IN
THIS DEATHDecomposed Body of Aged
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POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING

Suspicions of Foul Play in Death of
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BURLINGTON'S SEWAGE PROBLEM.

Proposition to Let Microbes Eat Microbes.

Burlington, March 29.—The establishment of a sewage disposal plant was considered last night by the special committee consisting of Aldermen Coffey, Willard and Hays and City Engineer Sinclair. The meeting was held for the purpose of receiving a report from Engineer Sinclair with reference to his recent inspection of the plant at Saratoga, N. Y., and while no decisive action was taken the committee was much impressed with the success with which that plant has been operated in three years.

While at Saratoga Mr. Sinclair, in company with Col. Edward Hatch of New York, was given every opportunity to inspect the plant. In that city nothing goes into the plant except the sewage from the various buildings, all surface water being disposed of by a system of drainage. The sewage is first conducted into tanks, which are practically airtight, and are in total darkness. They are so constructed that it takes about 12 hours for the sewage to pass through a tank, and while in this place of darkness bacteria, which have heretofore been dormant, come to life and slowly but surely liquify the substance.

From these tanks the liquid is carried into the air through a series of bacteria, which is done in darkness, begins to work, and as the solution drops from iron plate to iron plate and becomes mixed with air, these bacteria attack the bacteria which have developed in the darkness and a battle royal ensues, ending in favor of the bacteria last developed. The solution then flows to a sand bed, and trickles through to drains and is carried to a brook.

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ABDUCTION
HINTED ATIn Mysterious Disappearance
of Hyde Park Girl

MUCH EXCITEMENT CAUSED

Blanche McFarland Last Seen Early Last
Night and Her Father Says That
Girl's Mother May Have Taken
on Her Away.

Hyde Park, March 29.—Intense excitement was stirred up in this place last night when it became known that Miss Blanche McFarland, the fifteen year old daughter of Attorney Fred H. McFarland, had mysteriously disappeared earlier in the evening. When the girl did not go home for supper and she was not to be found in her room, no great alarm was felt. But when it was learned that she was not at the house of a friend where she was accustomed to visit, not only surprise but anxiety was felt.

Swiftly afterwards searching parties went out and the search was kept up all night long, as it was feared that the girl had met with foul play. That theory was abandoned, however, this morning, and the suspicion that the girl had been abducted by those who had no desire to do her injury was advanced. Today this reason for the strange disappearance is advanced by Mr. McFarland, that she was abducted at the instigation of the girl's mother, who has been separated from her husband almost since the birth of the girl fifteen years ago. The woman had been away for a long time but returned last fall.

Judge Powers at that time granted the custody of the child to the father, with the stipulation that the mother should be allowed to see the girl only in the presence of Mr. McFarland, who now accounts for the disappearance of his daughter as above stated. Such a theory is only supposition as yet. It is understood that the mother has been residing in Rutland for several months.

The girl's mother, who has been in Hyde Park for several weeks, says today that she knows nothing about the abduction of the girl, but that it is a ruse on the part of Mr. McFarland to get the girl away where she cannot see her. The only clue to the whereabouts of the girl is the fact that tracks were found leading from a doorway in the rear of the house, showing that the girl might have gone down a back stairway and have left the house in that way. Blanche's father is a brother of H. M. McFarland, who is a well known lawyer in Vermont.

Lynn, Mass., March 29.—The police are investigating the mysterious death of Frank Bruce, a shoe cutter, aged 72, whose decomposed body was found today, lying on a bed in his room at a lodging house on Central avenue this morning. It is supposed that he had been dead three or four days. There are suspicions of foul play, because blood stains